ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

UNION ASSOCIATION

ALABAMA.

EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-THREE.

NAMES OF BAPTIST MINISTERS

IN THIS ASSOCIATION, WITH THEIR POST OFFICES.

W. L. White, - - -	Clinton, Green County, Alabama.
D. O. Baird, - - -	Coalfire, Pickens County, Ala.
J. A. Estes, - - -	" " " "
R. B. Wilkins, - - -	Reform, " " "
H. B. Chappelle, - -	Dillburgh, " " "
J. S. Wooten, - - -	Gentry, Lamar " "
O. E. Wooten, - - -	" " " "
W. J. Beaty, - - -	Kenedy, " " "
J. M. Land, - - -	Archer, Pickens " "
J. P. Lee, - - -	Gregory, " " "
J. E. White, - - -	Union, " " "
M. G. Lofton, - - -	Archer, " " "
J. S. Shirley, - - -	Raleigh, " " "
J. G. Thornton, - - -	Olney, " " "
J. B. Small, - - -	Beard, " " "
J. D. Hamner, - - -	Romulus, Tuscaloosa " "
J. H. M. Anders, - -	" " " "
Henry Hitt,* - - -	" " " "
J. L. Ray, - - -	Boom, " " "
G. W. Kerr, - - -	Reform, Pickens " "
S. E. Hodge, - - -	Humphrey, Tuscaloosa Co., "

Ordained Ministers - - - - - - - - -	18
Licentiates - - - - - - - - - -	3

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

Arbor Springs Baptist Church, Pickens County, Ala.

September 26th, 27th, and 28th, 1893.

OFFICERS.

Elder J. P. LEE, MODERATOR.....Gregory, Ala.

Elder M. S. LOFTON, CLERK.....Archer, Ala.

The next session will be held with Enon Church, Pickens County, Alabama, commencing on Tuesday before the first Sunday in October, 1894.

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PROCEEDINGS.

ARBOR SPRINGS CHURCH, Sept. 26, 1893.

1. The Union Association met this day in its fifty-eighth session, and at 10 o'clock a. m., was called to order by the Clerk. The former Moderator being absent, Eld. J. P. Lee was called to preside as temporary chairman.

2. The association engaged in devotional exercises—song and prayer by Eld. D. O. Baird.

3. Read the letters from the churches, and enrolled the names of delegates as follows.

First District.

Bethlehem—T. B. Branch.
Liberty—J. F. Hodge, J. W. Abrams.
Mt. Pleasant—W. B. Hicks, H. T. Beaty, J. S. Free.
Fellowship—G. W. Kerr, S. E. Hiram.
Shepard—J. C. B. Johnson.
Spring Hill, Lamar—J. T. Blalock, T. H. Coleman.
Mill Port—J. B. Hodo, J. M. Daffron.
Kenedy—W. H. Smothers.
New Salem—J. H. Stokes, J. W. Harper, W. A. Estes.
Pleasant Grove—A. J. Shaw, A. P. Bobitt.

Second District.

Arbor Springs—J. T. Keating, T. S. Wilkins, Robert Pearson.
Mineral Springs—J. T. McShan, J. W. Cox, L. C. Abrams.
Hebron—J. M. Harper.
Big Creek—U. E. Allen, J. H. Jordan, A. J. Allen.
Cross Roads—
McBee—J. P. Simpson, Albert Jewell.
Oak Ridge—
Spring Hill, Pickens—J. H. Stinson.

Third District.

Pickensville—W. L. White.
Carrollton—A. C. Ezelle, R. L. Stone, J. B. Upchurch.
Unity—W. P. Peden.
Enon—J. D. Ball.

Ebenezer—Thomas Goodman, T. H. Nolan.
Mt. Zion—
Prairie—

Fourth District.

Beulah—S. S. Thornton.
Bethel—S. M. Spencer.
New Hope—J. M. Smith.
Forest—John Upchurch, W. H. Teer, M. C. Hudgins.
Shiloh—W. C. McCrackin.
Chalcedony—Wm. Strickland, E. H. Andus.
Nazareth—
Zion—T. W. Malone, J. H. Pate.
Grants Creek—R. M. Hill, N. G. Holly.

4. The following permanent officers were elected: Elder J. P. Lee, Moderator, M. G. Lofton, Clerk.

5. Adopted report on order of business.

6. Elder J. G. Thornton preached the introductory sermon. Subject "The Church."

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1. Engaged in devotional exercises—the service of song was led by Brother Smith, and prayer by Elder W. L. White.

2. Under the head of miscellaneous business, read letters from Unity, McBee and Carrollton, and heard reports from the Bishops.

3. Correspondents were received as follows: Elder J. B. Small representing Alabama Baptist Foreign Mission Journal, and State Mission Quarterly.

(a.) On motion, it was resolved "That any member of this association is authorized to represent this organization in any body with whom we correspond."

4. The committee on Bible and Colportage Work being absent, Elder W. L. White was requested to write the report, and 3 o'clock Wednesday was set to hear said report.

5. Received reports of districts.

REPORT OF FIRST DISTRICT.

The State of Alabama, Pickens county.

The first district of the Union Baptist Association, to the messengers and delegates composing the Union Boptist Association:

Our last meeting was held with New Salem church; and by request our next session of the first district will convene with Kennedy church, on Friday before the first Sabbath in August, 1894.

Introductory sermon by Bro. J. S. Wooten. Alternate O. E. Wooten. Missionary sermon by Bro. D. O. Baird. Alternate J. H. Estes.

Query No. 1. To what extent are female members scripturally permitted to exercise church work? Opened by Dr. D. O. Baird.

Query No. 2. Will the second coming of Christ be pre or post milenium? Opened by Eld. W. J. Beaty.

Query No. 3. What did the apostle mean by we have a table whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle? Opened by Bro. W. A. Estes.

Query No. 4. What did Christ mean when he said of them that are borned of woman there has not risen a greater than John the Baptist, nevertheless he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. Opened by Bro J. A. Estes.

J. B. Hodo, Moderator.

J. F. Hodge, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT.

Report of the meeting of the second district. The next session to be held with Hebron church, commencing on Saturday before the fifth Sabbath in ———, 1894.

Introductory sermon, J. P. Lee. Missionary sermon, J. B. Smith. Alternate, H. B. Chappelle.

Query 1st. The gospel not the power of God unto salvation, except through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Eld. H. B. Chappelle, U. E. Allen and J. W. Cox.

Query 2nd. Duty of churches to pastors. Elds J. P. Lee and M. G. Loften.

Query 3rd. Duty of pastors to churches. J. H. Pearson, H. L. Williams and John Heritage.

Query 4th. How should churches deal with profane members? J. B. Moore, W. P. Chappelle and R. B. Butler.

Query 5th. Is it right for a church to forgive, and retain in her membership, a member, who is in the habit of getting drunk. Elds. H. B. Chappelle, M. G. Loften and W. H. Copeland.

Query 6th. Is it the duty of all christians to give to missions? Eddie Ferguson and John Loften.

Query 7th. Is baptism necessary to salvation? U. E. Allen, J. H. Jorden and L. C. Abrams.

Essay 1. Every churchmember, male and female, old and young, should take part in Sabbath schools. T. P. Harper.

Essay 2. Every church will be strengthened and built np by a weekly prayer meeting. Eld. J. P. Lee.

Essay 3. The depravity of the human heart. Eld. H. B. Chappelle.

Essay 4. The temperance or prohibition question is of vital importance to the church as well as State. M. G. Loften.

REPORT OF THIRD DISTRICT.

Third district. The next session will be held with Ebenezer church, commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1894.

Introductory sermon by Eld. H. B Chappelle; alternate, Eld W. L. White. Missionary sermon by Eld. M. S. Lofton; alternate, S. E. Hodge.

Query 1. Is it right to grant letters of dismission for any other purpose than a change of location? Opened by Bro. C. W. Free.

Query 2. Is it the duty of ministers and deacons to attend the Union meeting? R. T. Knox.

Query 3. Is giving to missions a means of grace? If so what should the church do with those members who fail to give? W. P. Peden.

Query 4. What are the benefits to a church of a well organized prayer meeting. W. C. Mayes.

Essay 1. Christian literature. Cal. Upchurch.

Essay 2. The importance of a regligious newspaper in each family. Miss Angie Hildreth.

Essay 3. What is it to use the office of a deacon well? W. C. Mayes.

REPORT OF THE FOURTH DISTRICT.

The next session to be held with Grant's Creek church, commencing on Friday before the second Sabbath in August, 1894.

Introductory sermon by J. D. Hamner; alternate, J. H. M. Anders. Missionary sermon by J. E. White; alternate, J. L. Ray.

Query 1st. Is it the duty of the church to observe fasting and prayer? Opened by Bro. R. H. Foster.

Query 2nd. Has each churchmember a work to perform? Opened by Bro. G. W. Edwards and R. D. Lucius.

Query 3rd. The importance of early religious training.

Query 4th. The importance of missions.

Query 5th. What do we understand our Savior to teach in Matt. 9th chapter, 17 verse.

Collection taken up on Sabbath for missions and forwarded with this report, $3.75

Eld. J. L. Ray,
Clerk.

6. Report on education was read, and, after much debate, postponed further consideration to 4 o'clock p. m. Wednesday.

7. Set 3:30 p. m. Wednesday as a time to hear the report of the committee appointed to take into consideration the revision of the constitution of this association.

8. The committee on church building made report: "That hereafter we drop this from the list of committees."

Which was adopted.

9. Allowed the moderator until 9 o'clock a. m. Wednesday to read the list of committees.

WEDNESDAY.

Morning Session.

1. The association joined in a service of song and prayer, brethren W. P. Peden and J. M. Smith leading in prayer.

2. Adopted the report on "Centennial of Missions."

REPORT ON CENTENNIAL MISSIONS.

Your committee beg leave to report: That we speak it to our shame that there has been but very little done for the past year in the bounds of our association, except that which was done in the northern portion by Bros. Hunter and Ray, who were sent out by our state secretary.

J. B. Small.

3. On motion suspended order of business and introduced miscellaneous work.

(a) On motion, read reports from the districts.

(b) On motion, received corresponding messengers. Bro. Wm. Smith, from the Columbus association, was warmly wel-

comed by the moderator and responded in a neat and fervent speech.

4. The moderator read the list of committees.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

On Religious Exercises.—J. D. Ball, pastor and deacons of Arbor Springs church.

On Aged and Infirm Ministers.—S. M. Spencer, J. H. Stinson, Alex. Allen.

On Publications.—J. T. Keating, W. P. Peden, R. L. Stone.

On Nominations.—W. T. Walker, L. C. Abrams, N. G. Holly.

On Apportionments.—J. M. Smith, J. T. McShan, S. S. Thornton.

On Documents.—R. M. Hill, W. H. Smothers. S. C. Cummerford.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons.—J. B. Small, G. W. Kerr, T. H. Nolan.

On Finance.—J. W. Cox, J. B. Upchurch, J. W. Parks.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Missions.—J. B. Hodo, John Upchurch, W. C. McCracken.

On Bible and Colportage.—W. L. White, T. W. Malone, T. S. Wilkins.

On Sabbath Schools.—W. G. Robertson, H. T. Beaty, J. W. Easterwood.

On Temperance.—J. G. Thornton, W. A. Estes, O. E. Wooten.

On Education.—D. O. Baird, J. M. Daffron, Wm. Teer.

On Order of Business.—H. B. Chappelle, U. E. Allen, R. W. Richey.

On Centennial of Modern Missions.—Elder J. E. White, M. G. Lofton, E. H. Andus.

5. The report on missions was read by the chairman, J. H. Stinson, and, pending the discussion, the hour for preaching having arrived, it was agreed to postpone further discussion until 1:30 p. m.

6. The committee on preaching made report, as follows:

Wednesday.—Elder W. L. White, on missions, at the stand at 11 a. m.; Elder J. G. Thornton at 3 p. m.

Thursday.—Elder J. B. Small at 11 a. m.; Elder Wm. Smith at 3 p. m.

ELDER D. O. BAIRD, Chairman.

Afternoon Session.

1. Engaged in service of song and prayer. Bro. Smith led the song and Elder J. B. Small the prayer.

2. Adopted report on missions.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The mission work, or the work comprehended by the command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," demands and receives the active support of every Christian seeking to know the will of the Master, and who has been instructed from the sacred stand, as Christ intended he should be, respecting the great work of missions, which is the work of the Christian, because the conversion of the world to Christ, the great object to be accomplished, is a grand missionary work, and because of the fact that God, in his infinite wisdom, saw proper to work in and through the instrumentality of the church, requiring of each individual Christian missionary work according to grace and ability. The language of the commission warrants us in saying, the field for missionary labor is the world. Christ came into the world, and by the life he lived, and by the death he suffered, and by the redemption he wrought, opened up this field as "the vineyard of the Lord," in which he requires all his children to labor with the assurance that "every man shall be rewarded according to his own labor." Now, this moral vineyard of the Lord is to be occupied by those whom "He purchased with his own precious blood, first by preaching the gospel to all nations with the promise of God to be with them to the end of the world." We are also to occupy, by bringing into subjection our unsanctified natures, and demonstrate by Christian deportment and Godly lives, the power and reality of the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ. We undertake to say that the greatness and grandeur of this work, in which we have the honor to engage, no mortal mind can conceive, and no mortal tongue tell, and eternity will have to reveal to us the great dignity and honor which Christ bestowed upon the church in this memorable commission. This great work, of bringing the world to Christ, must be accomplished by the church, "God being her helper." As to the magnitude and value of this great work, who can comprehend, and who can estimate, its importance. Just think of one thousand millions of human beings without God and without hope in the world. "It would be impossible to overrate the dread condition of the heathen world or adequately express the force of the condemnation denounced in the scriptures against all the nations that forget God; the doom of Tyro and Sydon and Babylon and Ninevah admonish us that an utter forgetfulness

of God is the most consuming visitation that can be inflicted upon the human race; nothing but the gospel of the Son of God can break its force; the heathen are like ourselves in all their longings after life and immortality. They feel like we feel; they desire as we desire; they joy and rejoice as we do; they have capabilities to apprehend the force of truth as we have. They have manifested the same exercise of mind and soul in the divine reproof of sin that Christian people manifest. They can apprehend the gospel as the power of God unto salvation, and as far as it has been preached to the families of the earth, men and women have been blessed with a God to serve, a faith to accept and a Christ to save them." Now, brethren, in conclusion, we would ask, should not our love for Christ appeal to us and constrain us to go forward in this great mission work, making greater sacrifices if necessary, in order to maintain our State, home and foreign mission boards, through whose instrumentality so much has been accomplished; and in view of the fact that so much remains to be done, and thus help to hasten the day when the gospel shall cover the earth as the waters do the great deep. Whereas, we, composing the Union Association, feeling that we have not been as faithful as we should have been, and as our association is not keeping pace with the great progressive movement now going on in the Christian world in winning souls to Christ, therefore be it

Resolved 1st, That, God being our helper, we will try to do greater things for the Lord during the next associational year, and the same to be indicated by our reports at the next meeting of this body.

Resolved 2nd, That the churches of this association have regular monthly collections for missions and forward to Bro. Crumpton, Marion, Ala.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. STINSON, Chairman.

3. Miscellaneous business was then introduced by motion.

(a) Excused brethren: Albert Jewell, H. Shepard and Wm. Strickland.

(b) Elder J. B. Small represented the Alabama Baptist, Foreign Mission Journal, and State Mission Quarterly.

4. The report on Sabbath Schools was read and, on motion, was recommended to give the committee an opportunity to get correct statistics.

5. The report on Bible and colportage work—Elder W. L. White, chairman—after being slightly amended, was adopted.

REPORT ON BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

Your committee beg leave to report the following: We believe this the most important work now before the association. We believe the Bible should be in every home, and Baptist literature should be distributed throughout the whole country. This is the great need of the day. The people must be educated in Bible doctrine, then will come the spirit of union and the bond of peace.

We recommend that the association use any funds, not otherwise appropriated, in this work; and the funds thus created shall be placed in the hands of the executive committee, and said committee shall co-operate with the State Bible and Colportage Board for the distribution of Bibles, tracts, and other Baptist literature.

We further recommend that each pastor act as special colporteur in his respective field of labor, drawing on said executive committee for sums to begin said work, giving their receipts therefor, and making reports to the committee of progress in the work; and any funds accruing from same shall go to increase said Bible and colportage funds. And we recommend that said executive committee be requested to confer with the State Colportage Board in reference to utilizing the M. P. Smith fund for this work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. White. Chairman.

7. The report of the revision committee, after earnest discussion, was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF CONSTITUTION.

Your committee, appointed at the last session of this body to take into consideration a revision of the constitution, respectfully submit the following: We have had under review each article of the constitution, and would recommend no change except in Art. 6, which we believe should be amended by striking out the following clause: "and all ordained ministers of the gospel who are members of some one of the churches of this union shall be ex-officio members of this body." There will be no contravention and each article will harmonize.

H. B. Chappelle, Chairman.

7. The time for the further consideration of the report on education having arrived, the report was amended by Elder J. B. Small, and still further amended by adding "And we the Union Association adopt brother G. W. Kerr a beneficiary

of this association—agreeing to become responsible for his expenses at the Kenedy High School for the ensuing year.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee submit the following report:

The subject of education is one in which every man, woman, boy and girl, ought to be deeply interested; it is that by which we are to be prepared, so we can effectually do those things that will make us wise, great and good as a people and as a nation.

The Lord has endorsed us with minds susceptible of improvement, and inspiration says, "study to show yourself approved of God," etc.

If we could be made to feel and realize the time and money too, that we give to evil influences we certainly would put our hand on our mouth and it in the dust. Some brethren are if not directly, indirectly opposed to the colleges, while this is the case they are left without excuse. Look for a moment at the primary schools, high schools and academies, scattered as they are all over our State and are looking directly to us for support.

And if we would do our whole duty, as one of the leading christian denominations of this great commonwealth, we must do our full share in the teaching, management and control of these schools While we speak of education on general terms, let us not fsrget the fact, that we must have at the head of these schools men and women whose hearts have been intensified with the love of God. Therefore for a christian and classic education we heartily endorse and recommend the Howard College at East Lake, with that grand young preacher A. W. McGaha, as president.

Our boys could not get into a better educational atmosphere than at the Howard.

The Judson Institute is second to none in the south for the training of our daughters. We should rally to the support of these colleges with our prayers, sympathy and money.

In our enthusiasm for our State institutions and their success, we will not forget the best and grandest of all institutions for young preachers. The Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. We cannot do too much for these institutions of learning as well as the cause of education generally.

JAS. G. THORNTON,
Chairman.

AMENDMENT TO EDUCATIONAL REPORT.

1. *Resolved*, that this body turn over funds not placed to certain objects, to the assistance of Bro. Geo. W. Kerr's ministerial education,

up to an amount to defray his expenses at the Kenedy High School, for the ensuing term of that school.

2. *Resolved*, That Dr. D. O. Baird, Brethren W. T. Walker and W. H. Smothers, be appointed as a committee to collect and disburse said fund as may be necessary to defray his expenses,

Submitted,

J. B. Small.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

1. The prayers were led by brethren J. H. Stinson and J. D. Ball.

2. Report of Executive committee. Eld. J. B. Small, having made a verbal report for the chairman, it was moved to substitute by allowing the committee one month to collect the assessments from the churches and make their report to the following committee: J. B. Small, H. B. Chappelle, W. L. White, U. E. Allen, A. J. Allen.

The report on Temperance—W. E. Allen, chairman, elicited a lively and very profitable discussion, which resulted in recommitting the report.

4. Under a suspension of rules, a motion to appoint a committee of three to take up subscriptions for brother Kerr during the recess was passed. The following were named by the Moderator to act as the committee: Elder J. B. Small, J. M. Smith, J. H. Stinson.

Afternoon Session.

Devotional exercises. Brother G. W. Kerr led the prayers of the congregation.

2. Took up subscriptions for brother G. W. Kerr. A good subscription was taken; some of the brethren pledging themselves individually, others their churches, and again others promised to see what they could do at their first regular meeting.

3. The committee on Temperance again presented its report which was adopted by a rising vote; after which a suggestion was made that all who were willing to pledge themselves to work to promote abstinence from intoxicating drinks as a beverage, would come and give the moderator their hands and while we sung "I want to be a worker," nearly every one in the house pressed forward to grasp the hand of the presiding officer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

To Union Baptist Association, your committee beg leave to report:

That the cause of temperance has gained many advocates during the past twelve months. There are still a few saloons within our bounds, where intoxicating liquors are sold; and the indications are that one of these will be suppressed on the first of January, 1894. We believe that all christians should abstain from the use of intoxicants as a beverage.

We also respectfully include in our report a memorial as follows: Whereas we, the Union Baptist Association, representing a body of christians numbering over two thousand members, believe the law for licensing the sale of intoxicating liquors is illegally executed, therefore be it resolved, that we petition the Hon. S. H. Sprott to give in charge specially to our grand juries the law in regard to granting license. That the law in regard to the same be faithfully executed.

W. E. Allen,
Chairman.

4. Received report on Indigent Ministers, adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INDIGENT MINISTERS.

Committee on Aged and Infirm Ministers:

We, the committee on Aged and Infirm Ministers, beg leave to submit the following report to your honorable body:

Whereas, we do not find in our bounds any aged ministers without means of support, we suggest that all of the churches in this association take up a collection for this object; and such collection be expended for ministerial education. Provided such objects do not fall into our hands during the year.

S. M. Spencer, Chairman,
A. J. Allen,
J. H. Stinson.

5. The committee on Publications reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

We, the committee on Publications respectfully submit the following:

We recommend that good and wholesome literature be placed in the house of every christian within the bounds of this association; and earnestly entreat our brethren to exclude from their homes the dangerous and trashy matter too often found in the hands of our children. We recommend the Alabama Baptist, the Foreign Mission Journal, the Home Field and the State Mission Quarterly. We also recommend Convention Series to be used in all our Sunday-schools.

J. T. KEATING,
Chairman.

6. Read report on Nominations, adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

The next session will be held with Enon church, Pickens county, Ala., commencing on Tuesday before the first Sunday in October, 1894, at 10 a. m. The next introductory sermon by Elder J. B. Small; alternate, M. G. Lofton. Missionary sermon by Elder D. O. Baird; alternate, J. E. White. Temperance sermon by Elder W. L. White; alternate, Elder J. G. Thornton.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. WALKER,
N. G. HALLEY,
L. C. ABRAMS.

7. The committee on Appropriations report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

We, the committee, respectfully ask each church to contribute the amount mentioned in the order below:

Bethlehem	$ 10 00
Liberty	12 00
Mount Pleasant	10 00
Millport	8 00
Fellowship	10 00
Spring Hill, Lamar	12 00
Kennedy	16 00
New Salem	8 00

Pleasant Grove	2 50
McBee	5 00
Arbor Spring	10 00
Mineral Springs	12 00
Oak Ridge	8 00
Spring Hill, Pickens	16 00
Hebron	15 00
Big Creek	15 00
Cross Roads	5 00
Pickensville	30 00
Carrollton	50 00
Ebenezer	8 00
Unity	12 00
Enon	20 00
Mt. Zion	8 00
Prairie	18 00
Forest	18 00
Shiloh	4 00
Chalcedony	5 00
Beulah	35 00
Bethel	50 00
New Hope	15 00
Zion	2 50
Grants Creek	50 00
	500 00

J. M. Smith,
Chairman.

8. Adopted the report on Finance.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	General Fund.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Indigent Ministers	Ministerial Education.	Bible and Colportage.	Orphanage.	Minutes.	Association'l Fund.	Totals.
Bethlehem				50							50
Liberty									1 50		1 50
Mt. Pleasant		2 00		3 65					1 30		6 95
Fellowship									1 50	50	2 00
Spring Hill					1 75				3 00		4 75
Millport	1 00										1 00
Kennedy			2 00						2 00	50	4 50
Arbor Springs	65								1 50	50	2 65
Mineral Springs		5 00	5 00	5 00					2 00	1 00	18 00
New Salem		1 50	1 50	1 00	1 00				75		5 75
Spring Hill, Pickens									1 00	1 50	2 50
Hebron			2 15						1 50	50	4 15
Big Creek									2 50	1 00	3 50
Cross Roads	2 20										2 20
Pickensville	6 94										6 94
Crarollton	55 00								2 00	1 00	58 00
Ebenezer					75				1 00	50	2 25
Unity	8 00								1 50	50	10 00
Enon	10 00	2 00	2 00	2 60					1 00	1 00	18 60
Mt. Zion											
Bethel	1 00		3 55	3 55		11 55			2 25	65	22 55
Beulah		7 28	3 26	4 16			1 80		3 00	2 00	21 50
Zion									50	25	75

Shiloh	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	85	....	85
Grants Creek	....	11 69	4 51	11 82	....	6 01	56	....	3 00	2 00	39 59
Pleasant Grove	80	....	35	35	....	....	....	....	50	10	2 10
McBee	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	50	50	1 00
New Hope	1 65	5 07	5 00	5 00	....	....	....	....	1 50	1 00	19 22
Chalcedony	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2 50	50	3 00
Forest	....	3 70	3 88	3 75	....	....	....	....	2 50	50	14 33
1st District	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	....	....
2nd District	....	....	....	....	....	2 55	....	....	....	....	2 55
3rd District	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2 30	....	2 30
4th District	3 75	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3 75
Amount collected at Association	10 05										10 05
Total	101 04	38 24	33 20	41 38	3 50	20 11	2 36	....	43 45	16 00	299 23

$4 01 For Howard College, in voucher.

26 80

68.18

	Centennial Fund.	Mrs. Bostwick Fund.
Beulah	13 01	8 30
Millport	14 00	
Grants Creek	19 30	
Bethel	18 00	18 50
Kennedy	7 00	
Total	71 31	26 80

Missions, etc	299 23
Centennial	71 31
Mrs. Bostwick	26 80
	397 34

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We find the difference in the amount apportioned to the churches and the amount paid in to be $196.83; and we recommend that the churches that have not paid the amount apportioned do so immediately, in order that the clerk may embody it in his report in the minutes.

J. W. Cox,
R. L. Stone,
J. B. Upchurch.

Total.... .....397 34
Vouchers ... .249 56
Cash 147 78

9. The report on Documents was as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTS.

Your committee on Documents beg leave to report, that they have examined the same and find that the following churches are not represented in this annual meeting, viz: Oak Ridge, Mt. Zion, Prairie, Nazareth.

We call the attention of these churches to Art. 6, of the constitution, which requires that they state the reasons for absenting themselves at the next meeting of this body.

We find that the increase is as follows: By baptism 164, by letter 75, by experience 1, by restoration 12, making a total of 252. That the decrease is. by letter 65, by death 13, by exclusion 19, making a total of 97; thereby making a net gain of 145 members to this association.

In view of these facts, we as your committee, would say that we all should thank God for this increase during this associational year.

R. M. Hill,
Chairman.

10. Report of committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, adopted.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Your committee report, that since our last meeting we have sustained a loss in the death of two of our deacons, Bros Wm. Manning of Mineral Springs, and C. C. Garner of Shiloh. We have been unable to obtain any data which would help us in making any report,

therefore, we would say that death with his scythe has not been idle, we feel humbly grateful that we are still spared to enjoy the blessing of God, and would offer our heartfelt sympathies to the families and friends of the deceased, and commend them to that God who has promised to be a father to the fatherless, and a husband to the widow.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. Small, Chairman,
G. W. Kerr,
T. H. Noland,
Committee.

11. Called roll.

12. On motion, the following vote of thanks was adopted:

VOTE OF THANKS.

Resolved, That this body extend her heartfelt thanks to this church and community for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained them and visitors present.

J. B. Small.

13. On motion, the following resolution was entertained and adopted:

RESOLUTION OF BROTHER CHAPPELLE.

Resolved, that the clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes, and that he have printed 800 copies of the same. That the work be done at the Alabama Baptist, or any other responsible office that will do the work cheaper. And that he receive the balance of minute fund after paying for minutes together with association fund for his services.

14. On motion, appointed same Executive Board for the ensuing year.

15. On motion, W. L. White and S. M. Spencer were appointed delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, and J. E. White, W. L. White and J. B. Small, to the Baptist State Convention.

16. On motion, the clerk was instructed to have the Constitution and Rules of Decorum printed with the minutes.

17. On motion, adjourned.

The report on Sabbath Schools was not again brought up, but has been handed the clerk since the meeting. I have written to the clerk of the S. S. convention for a copy of the proceedings, but have not yet received it. The report on S. S. is herewith appended with statistics as first reported.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sabbath Schools respectfully submit the following: The statistics of our last Sabbath School Convention show that we had in operation 26 Sabbath Schools with an aggregate attendance of 1226 teachers and pupils. This discloses the sad fact that we are not holding our own in this important work. Why is this? Surely it is not from a want of interest or a lack of zeal in duty. We believe the cause is the inability to attend on account of the financial condition of our country—our churches, nearly all situated in the country, the membership widely scattered—many living four or five miles distant from their respective churches. The question then is simply one of inability to attend. Let each one of us do the best we can remembering Paul's injunction 2 Cor. 8:12 "For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not."

H. B. CHAPPELLE,
Chairman.

Below is appended the report of the Executive Committee.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following report:

Vouchers from Finance Committee	$ 250 64	
Cash	147 83	
Cash collected since association	3 55	
		402 02
Amount paid to M. G. Lofton (Clerk)	59 45	
Amount remitted	207 74	267 19
Case on hand		134 83

The amount ($3.55) credited above was paid to your committee since the meeting of the association as follows: Arbor Springs $1.00, Big Creek $2.55.

There has been a very great falling off in collections as compared with years previous.

Your committee further report that they held a meeting in June to

discuss the advisability of employing an evangelist to work within the bounds of the association; but on account of the financial stringency a majority of your committee was opposed to said measure.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Cox, Chairman,
M. B. Curry, Sec'y and Treas.

Approved Oct. 21, 1893, by committee appointed by association to receive the same.

J. B. Small, Chairman,
A. J. Allen.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, who, on producing the credentials, shall be entitled to seats.

2. The members thus chosen and convened, shall be known by the name of "The Union Baptist Association;" which shall have the privilege of engaging in benevolent operations, for the purpose of advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom, and the furtherance of Christ's cause on earth—in this the churches and individual members are left free; and the giving or withholding shall be no bar to fellowship.

3. The Association shall usurp no authority over the churches in our union, nor infringe any of their internal rights; but shall merely be considered an advisory council, in all matters relating to their internal concerns; nevertheless, it becomes necessary, in some cases, to have a uniform rule of procedure, viz: If one church commit an offense against another, it shall be the duty of the offended to labor with the offender for satisfaction; if she fail of success, she shall call in the aid of two or more churches in our union, to assist in laboring for satisfaction, and if final satisfaction, in the opinion of the helps thus called, be not obtained, the aggrieved may bring the case before the Association, which shall be taken up and decided upon according to its merits. If a sdrious difference should arise in an individual church, which, upon due labor, cannot be reconciled, she shall call in aid from two or more churches, to assist in the work, and if a reconciliation be not effected, the helps so called, or the church, may bring the case before the Association, to be acted upon according to its merits; but the Association shall take no notice of any case of the above kind, unless a due course of procedure shall have been previously pursued according to the economy of the

church discipline as found in the Scriptures of the New Testament.

4. The Association shall have power to exclude any church from her union who shall violate the Constitution, or shall depart from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

5. Each church in our union shall send to every annual session of the Association, written communications, specifying the names of their delegates, their number in fellowship, the number of males, females, the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, restored, or deceased since the last session, which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

6. Every church in the union shall be entitled to three delegates Should any church fail to represent herself she shall state her reasons in her next letter to the Association.

7. New churches, and churches dismissed from other Associations, may be admitted into our union, by delegates bearing petitionary letters. If upon due examination they be found orderly and orthodox, the moderator shall manifest their reception by giving the delegates the right hand of Christian fellowship.

8. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by regular and proper rules of decorum, which she is authorized to form and amend, according to her own views.

9. At every meeting of the Association, a moderator shall be appointed by, and from, the delegates present, whose duty it shall be to see that the rules are strictly observed, and to take the voice of the Association on all subjects legally introduced. A clerk shall also be appointed in like manner, whose duty it shall be to take proper and correct minutes of the proceedings. The clerk shall be treasurer, ex officio, of this union.

10. The Association shall furnish the churches of our union with minutes of every session.

11. Every query sent by a particular church, must be included in her letter, certifying that she has endeavored to reconcile it, but failed. In such a case the Association shall take it under consideration, and the voice of a majority shall be considered an advisory answer, which shall be entered on the minutes.

12. Queries which immediately concern the union or state of the churches at large, sent by a particular church, or introduced by a proper motion, shall be taken up and decided as soon as practicable.

13. Any church in our union, having a preacher whom she deems worthy of ordination, shall call a presbytery of ministers from sister churches to officiate in the work; all presbyteries, in the ordaining of ministers or deacons, and in the constituting of churches, shall be governed by the Articles of Faith adopted by this Association.

14. The Association shall have a fund, supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches; all moneys thus contributed, shall be transmitted from the churches, by their delegates, and paid over to the committee on finance; which committee shall be annually appointed, whose duty it shall be to receive in charge all moneys sent to the Association, dispose of the same agreeably to order, and make a fair and circumstantial report.

15. It shall be the duty of the clerk of this Association to keep a regular file of the printed minutes of every session.

16. The Association shall not adjourn any session until she shall have finished all the business on hand, except in extraordinary cases.

17. This Association shall correspond with such other Associations as may be agreed on while in session.

18. The Association shall, in all cases (except to amend the Constitution), be governed by a majority of the members present.

19. The minutes of the Association shall be read, and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the session rises.

20. The Association shall, at each session, appoint one of her members to preach an introductory sermon at her next session; also, one or more to preach upon subjects of benevolence, as she may think proper; and one to prepare a circular letter.

21. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any session of the Association when two-thirds of her members present shall deem it necessary.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

Article 1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost.—Deut. iv. 39; 1 Cor. viii, 6; and 1 John v, 7.

2. We believe that the Scriptures, comprising the Old and New Testaments, are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.—2 Tim. iii, 16; Rom. xv, 4; and iii, 2.

3. We believe that Adam, by sin, fell from the state of purity in which he was created, that all his posterity are degenerate, and that all human nature is corrupt and depraved.—Rom. iii, 12; Gen. i, 26-28; iii, 6-8.

4. We believe that man is utterly unable, by his own free will and ability, to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.—Heb. ix, 22-23; 1 Peter ii, 24; and iii, 18.

5. We believe in the doctrine of Election, and that God chose his people in Christ, before the world began.—Eph. i, 3-5; Titus i, 1 and 2.

6. We believe in the Covenant of Redemption, and Salvation by

Grace, entered into by the Sacred Three, in behalf of the elect, on whom grace and glory were settled forever, in Christ, their covenant head.—Psalms, lxxxix, 2-4; and xxvii, 37; Eph. i, 3-5; 2 Tim. i, 9.

7. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, by the imputed righteousness of Christ only, and that they receive pardon and reconciliation through him.—Rom. iii, 22-26.

8. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated, and sanctified by the influence and operation of the Holy Spirit.—1 Peter i, 2; Mal. iii, 17.

9. We believe that Saints shall be preserved in Grace, and that none of them shall be lost.—John x, 27-29; Romans viii, 31-39; 2 Tim. i, 9.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and the general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous, and punishment of the wicked will be eternal.—Job xix, 25-27; John v, 28-29; Matt. xxv, 31, 34-41-46.

11. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Ordinances of Jesus Christ; that true believers are the only fit subjects of Baptism; that immersion of the subject in water is the Apostolic mode; and that none but regularly Baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's table.—Matt. iii, 6-16; Mark i, 9; xvi, 16; John iv, 1-2; Acts ii, 38-41; viii, 12; xviii, 8; Luke xxii, 17-20; John xiii, 2-41.

12. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the Ordinances of the Gospel, unless he has been regularly baptized, called and come under the imposition of the hands of a Presbytery. Tim. ii, 6-7; v, 21-22; Titus i, 5; Acts xiii, 2-3.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Article 1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. After reading of the letters from the different churches of this union, a moderator and clerk shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

3. The moderator shall be considered a judge of order, and shall have a discretional right to call to order at any time.

4. A member not satisfied with his decision, may appeal to the Association on the same day, but at no other time.

5. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet, and address the moderator for permission to speak, and he, when thus addressed, shall signify his assent by naming the member, or otherwise.

6. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject, or use words of personal reflection. Every motion made, and seconded, shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless withdrawn by him who made it; if there are two or more motions before the Association on the same subject, at the same time, the first motion shall be first in order.

7. Every case taken up by the Association shall be decided on, or withdrawn, before another shall be offered.

8. When a question is taken up, after allowing time for the debates, the moderator shall take the voice of the Association on the subject; the members in the affirmative shall signify the same by saying "aye," and those in the negative by saying "no," except in cases which cannot thus be satisfactorily determined: in such case they shall be tested by rising to their feet. The moderator to pronounce the decision before the standers resume their seats.

9. No member shall depart from the services of the Association without leave.

10. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, without leave, nor shall any proposition be made to close the subject until the debates are gone through with.

11. The appellation of "brother" shall be used in the Association by the members in their address, one to another.

12. The names of members shall be called as often as the Association may direct.

13. No member shall be toleroted in any practice that tends to interrupt the speaking.

14. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoint another member to his seat during the time, but he shall not vote on any question, unless the Association be equally divided.

SYNOPSIS OF THE PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

—OF THE—

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

BEULAH CHURCH, JULY 21ST, 22D AND 23D, 1893.

FRIDAY, 11 A. M., July 21.

Bishop W. L. White preached the Convention sermon.

2 P. M.—The Convention was called to order by the President.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. J. T. Beale.

The Secretary being absent, Bro. W. C. Mayes was chosen Secretary pro tem.

The letters being read and delegates enrolled, it was found the following churches and Sunday-schools were represented:

Prairie, Liberty, Pickensville, Grant's Creek, Shiloh, Ramah, Chalcedony, Spring Hill, Pickens Co., Beulah, Forest, Carrollton, Big Creek, Mill Port, Fellowship, New Hope.

Elder W. L. White was chosen President and W. C. Mayes Secretary.

Adopted Order of Business prepared by the Secretary.

After discussing Query 1st, it was referred to a committee who reported as answer "The church sustains the relation of guardian to the child."

Essay No. 1 was deferred to the next meeting.

After the President had appointed the usual committees, the Convention adjourned to 9 o'clock a. m. Saturday.

SATURDAY, 9 A. M.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. Beale.

The Convention decided to hold its next meeting with Forest church.

Query No. 2, after a protracted discussion, being referred to a committee was answered, "That it should begin in early childhood and continue through life, or as early as the child can be taught, and end only when life ends."

Elder J. E. White read Essay No. 2, "The Individual Christian's Influence," for Miss Janie Chambers. The essay was instructive and edifying to all present.

2 P. M.—The President conducted the devotional exercises.

The report on Temperance developed the fact "That we, as Christians, do not exercise the moral influence in the suppression of this baneful blight in our bounds as should characterize those who believe and trust in the Lord Jesus for the salvation of our souls." The report closes by saying, "The time has come, when as individual churches and members we ought to do more than pass resolutions."

Query No. 4 was referred to next meeting of the Convention.

In answer to Query No. 3 it was decided, "Our children should read only the best literature."

Read and adopted the report of Secretary and Treasurer.

By the adoption of the report on Nominations it was decided, "The next meeting of the Convention will be held with Forest church, beginning on Friday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1894. Introductory sermon by Elder J. P. Lee; alternate, J. A. Estes. Missionary sermon by M. G. Lofton; alternate, Elder J. E. White."

By the report of the committee on Finance it was shown that $8.80 had been collected for Sunday-school work.

REPORT ON QUERIES AND ESSAYS.

Query No. 1—Does not the Sunday-school have a good effect upon the church, the prayer-meeting and the family altar?

Query No. 2—Should an unregenerate person conduct a Sunday-school or teach in one?

Query No. 3—What is the duty of the pastor in regard to Sunday-school work.

Essay No. 1—The influence of young ladies in Sunday-schools. By Miss Mattie Manghan.

Essay No. 2—The duty of mothers to their children in Sunday-school training. By Mrs. M. V. Graham.

The committee on Documents noted the addition of two new schools to our Sunday-school force, some progress in the good work of the Convention, and twenty-eight Sunday-schools with a total membership of over 1,200 within the bounds of our Association.

Recommended that those churches without Sunday-schools, and consequently cold and lifeless, be reached by extending the work to them, and that Superintendents use every means in their power to increase the average attendance, suggesting good music as a powerful factor.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed.

SUNDAY, 9:30 A. M.

The Sunday-school exercises, and address by W. C. Mayes.

Preaching by Elder W. L. White. Subject, "The Sabbath Day."

Collected $4.70.

W. L. WHITE, President.

W. C. MAYES, Secretary.

To balance reported by former Secretary	$ 7 08
To amount reported by Finance Committee	8 80
To amount of collection on Sunday	4 70
Total	$ 20 58

STATISTICS OF UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Experience.	Excluded.	Erasure.	Deceased.	Males.	Females.	Total Members.	Minutes.	Association.	Total.	Meetings.	PASTORS.	CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.
										63						
Bethlehem	12						1	24	30	52				3	W. J. Beaty	T. B Branch, Coalfire.
Liberty	15	2	11					43	70	113	1 50		1 50	4	J. A. Estes	J F Hodge, Providence.
Mt. Pleasant	3	2	4		2		1	23	32	55	1 30		1 30	1	S E Hodge	W. B. Hicks, Byars.
Fellowship	10		3					25	34	59	1 50	50	2 00	3	D. O. Baird	R. F. Johnson, Reform.
Spring Hill, L	22	12	3		1		1	56	91	147	3 00		3 00	2	J. A. Estes	L. H Hendrix, Gentry.
Millport		1	2					6	10	16					D. O. Baird	W. C. Williams, Millport.
Kenedy	4	8	1					24	28	52	2 00	50	2 50	1	D. O. Baird	W. H. Smothers, Kenedy.
New Salem	2				1			14	13	27	75		75	4	D O Baird	J. M. Pratt. Reform.
Pleasant Grove	1	5		1				9	14	23	50	10	1 00	3	W. J Beaty	W. W. McCullough, Kenedy.
McBee Creek								9	19	28	50	50	1 00			D. S. Holcomb, McBee.
Arbor Spring	9	1			1		2	35	56	91	1 50	50	2 00	2	D O. Baird	T. J. McCrary, Palmetto.
Mineral Spring					1		3	27	33	60	2 00	1 00	3 00	1	J. B Small	J. W. Cox. Providence.
Oak Ridge								7	16	23					J. P. Lee	H. L. Williams. Dunbar.
Spring Hill, P			2	1				16	21	37	1 00	1 50	2 50	4	J. P. Lee	J. H. Stinson, Pickensville.
Hebron	3	1	2					17	36	53	1 50	50	2 00	3	M. G. Lofton	J. A Pearson. Carrollton.
Big Creek			5		1		2	35	45	80	2 50	1 00	3 50	2	M. G Lofton	H. B. Chappelle, Dillburgh.
Cross Roads								14	29	43					J. P. Lee	J. S. Adams, Carrollton.
Pickensville								21	26	47						
	81	32	2	7			10			1669						

Carrollton	4		1					26	29	55	2 00	1 00	3 00	4	J. B. Small	M. B. Curry, Carrollton.
Ebenezer		4						20	33	53	1 00	50	1 50	2	S. E. Hodge	T. H. Nolan, Carrollton.
Unity	20	1	2					26	38	64	1 75	25	2 00	1	M. G. Lofton	W. W. Maughan, Olney.
Enon	2		7			19		23	28	51	1 00	1 00	2 00	4	M. G. Lofton	T. H. Sanders, Garden.
Mt. Zion								14	26	40						R. S. Hamilton, Pleasant Ridge.
Prairie								18	27	45					W. L. White	M. B. Taylor, West Green.
Forest	13	10			3			28	54	82	2 50	50	3 00	4	W. L. White	John Upchurch, Benevola.
Shiloh	6	3	1				1	29	45	74	85		85	4	H. C. Compton	W. C. McCrackin, Jena.
Chalcedony	2	8	1		1			49	49	98	2 50	50	3 00	2	J. D. Hamner	W. C. Lancaster, Jena.
Nazareth																
Bethel	49	1	3	1			1	118	118	236	2 25	65	3 00	4	J. E. White	J. W. Park, Hickman.
Beulah		4	2		1			56	91	147	3 00	2 00	5 00	3	J. E. White	E. W. Henderson, Knoxville.
New Hope		4						29	37	66	1 50	1 00	2 50		J. H. Beale	J. J. Camron, Romulus.
Zion	4				5			7	10	17	50	25	75	1	J. L. Ray	T. W. Malone, Raleigh.
Grants Creek	3	1	15		1		1	42	73	115	3 00	2 00	5 00	2	J. H. Curry	R. H. Foster, Sylvan.

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